

In his philanthropic and community activities, Ron applies the same attributes of tenacity and perseverance that have created countless successful ventures which have produced a rich blend of social institutions that serve to invigorate the Long Island community. As Past chairman of the Long Island Campaign Cabinet of UJA-Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, he oversaw an annual budget campaign that raised \$17,000,000. He is Vice-President of the Long Island Philharmonic as well as Treasurer and Board Member of the Long Island Association. In addition, he provides guidance and leadership to other major Long Island-based organizations that include the Long Island Better Business Bureau, the Nassau County Museum of Art, the Board of Directors of the Institute for Community Development and the Council of Overseers of the Tilles Center of C.W. Post College of Long Island University.

Ron's constant giving of himself to the community has blessed us with business and cultural opportunities. Moreover, in his role as Chairman of the Long Island Regional Board of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, we have come to view a model of understanding and compassion that readily emerges as a yardstick by which all such future efforts must be measured. His unique talent for understanding and humanity have earned him great recognition and honor. Among these many accolades are the Long Island Distinguished Leadership Award, the Distinguished Community Service Award of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, the Brotherhood Award of the National Conference of Christians and Jews and the Frank Ornstein Human Relations Award of the American Jewish Committee.

Mr. Speaker, as Ron Cooper now looks toward retirement and happily spending those innumerable hours of leisure he has promised to his wife, Marcia, I ask my colleagues to join with me and rise to express their great admiration and joy for all he has done and all he will do.

INTRODUCTION OF TAX ASSISTANCE FOR CHILDREN WITH CHRONIC MEDICAL CONDITIONS ACT

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 6, 1998

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I am introducing today the "Tax Assistance for Children with Chronic Medical Conditions Act" which will enable the parents of children with ongoing medical conditions to participate in medical conferences that provide timely information for the treatment of their children's health.

I am delighted to have as original co-sponsors of this bill Representatives Waxman, Hilliard, Frost, Moran, Pelosi, Carson, Sandlin, Furse, Farr, Stark and McNulty.

This legislation will, at an extremely minimal cost, facilitate the ability of parents whose children have chronic medical conditions to attend conferences, meetings and conventions at which physicians and other health and service providers provide them important information not otherwise available to them. Under current

law, the expenses of attending such a conference is not deductible for a parent. Everyone else attending the meeting—the physicians, the vendors, the association members—can deduct the cost of travel and lodging except the parent and child who are directly affected.

There are many areas of this country where access to state-of-the-art treatment and diagnostic capabilities are simply not available to physicians or to patients. For that reason, organizations that work on behalf of those with chronic illnesses and other conditions hold annual or biennial conferences at which researchers, physicians, vendors of mechanical and other equipment and others provide their latest information for each other. Parents often are encouraged to attend these meetings with their children to learn about the latest treatment techniques. For many, this is their only capability to have access to this level of medical expertise, and we should encourage their ability to participate in such conferences.

My legislation would create a \$500 per year deduction for a parent and child to attend such conferences. Deductible expenses would include travel, lodging, registration and meals while attending the conference.

I would hope that Members will support enactment of this inexpensive but important provision that will benefit children with chronic medical conditions and improve both their medical treatment and their quality of life.

HONORING TECHNICAL SERGEANT OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE SHELLEY McPECK KELLY

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 6, 1998

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an extraordinary constituent, Shelly McPeck Kelly. Shelly was tragically killed in a plane crash with Commerce Secretary Ron Brown in 1996. Shelly McPeck Kelly was an outstanding citizen who devoted a lifetime to helping those in her community and country, and she has been missed by all those who knew her.

Throughout her life, Shelly McPeck Kelly was a model citizen. She was loyal and devoted wife. As the proud parents of two children, she and her husband shared many wonderful memories. Shelly served faithfully in the United States Air Force as an airplane stewardess. Her hard work paid off by achieving the rank of Technical Sergeant. Shelly should also be commended for her service to the United States during the Bosnian Peacekeeping Operation.

On August 15, 1998, Shelly will be remembered by her family and friends as they plant a tree in her memory. I ask my colleagues to join the residents of Eastern Ohio and myself in remembering Shelly McPeck Kelly's courage, loyalty and service to her country.

MICHAEL BARSKI HONORED

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 6, 1998

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dedicated community servant in Northeastern Pennsylvania, Michael P. Barski. Michael, who is eighty-seven years old, recently ended his tenth four-year term as Tax Collector of Conyngham Townships.

Michael Barski worked in the coal mines until he joined the U.S. Marines at the start of World War II. He returned to the mines following a tour of duty in Europe. Michael was first elected Tax Collector in 1957 and shortly thereafter began rising at dawn to do the bookkeeping, a habit he would keep for forty years. Rather than publishing office hours, Michael make himself available to all members of the community at all hours.

Mr. Speaker, Michael is also a devoted baseball fan and an ardent follower of the New York Yankees. He was a local umpire from 1949 until just a few years ago. He also was an active member of the St. Mary's Church Choir and a Quartermaster of the Veterans of Foreign Wars for twenty-five years.

Michael is the son of the late Adam and Catherine Barski and is eldest of eleven children. He and his wife, the former Catherine Novelli, will celebrate their 62nd Wedding Anniversary on September 29, 1998. They have two grown children and one granddaughter named Lydia. Their son Michael is an executive with a financial firm and their daughter Barbara works with the Department of Health and Human Services in Washington, D.C.

I am extremely proud to bring this extraordinary American's life to the attention of my colleagues. I join with his family, his many friends, and the community in wishing him a wonderful, well-deserved retirement from public service and my very best wishes for continued good health and happiness.

AID TO ISRAEL

HON. JOHN E. ENSIGN

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 6, 1998

Mr. ENSIGN. Mr. Speaker, just a few weeks ago, Iran test fired the Shihab-3 missile. Intelligence estimates by the CIA and the Israelis proved to be correct. This missile will likely have a range of 930 miles putting Israel's security in jeopardy. But this is not an issue for our closest friend in the Middle East, this is an American issue because it affects global security and our thousands of troops that are based in that critical region. Iran's stockpiling of chemical and biological weapons and acquisitions of nuclear technology make the situation even more dire.

There are two ways for our government to prove its commitment to dealing with this critical issue. The first is sanctioning entities that aid in Iran's missile development. I, like a majority of the House, cosponsored the Iran Missile Proliferation Sanctions Act (IMPSA), and it passed this body 392 to 22. Last week the President followed Congress' lead and strengthened an existing executive order by